

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**STATE OF OHIO, *ex rel.***  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVE YOST**  
  
**Plaintiff,**  
  
**v.**  
  
**AARON MICHAEL JONES, *et al.***  
  
**Defendants.**

**CASE NO.**  
**2:22-cv-02700-ALM-KAJ**  
  
**JUDGE:**  
**Hon. Algenon L. Marbley**  
  
**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF**  
**COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT**  
**JUNE ANN BATISTA**

**COME NOW**, Justin Whittaker, Esq. and WHITTAKER LAW, LLC, and tender their Notice of Withdrawal as Counsel for Defendant June Ann Batista. Ms. Batista has elected to terminate the representation of the undersigned and to pursue a separate defense of this action, either through replacement counsel or as a *pro se* Defendant.

No discovery has taken place in this action. The parties have not engaged in a Civil Rule 26(f) conference, and no pretrial schedule has been entered by the Court or offered by the parties. Ms. Batista's answer or other responsive pleading is not yet due, and none has been filed. Per agreement, Ms. Batista's answer or other responsive pleading is due on September 27, 2022. [Doc. #6]. The undersigned requests that Ms. Batista be allowed 60 days from the filing of this Notice to secure alternate counsel or to notify the Court of her intent to proceed *pro se*, and to file her answer or other responsive pleading. No party will be prejudiced by this action.

*Please also note that the Application of M. Candice Crosby, Esq. to appear pro hac vice [Doc. #15] is withdrawn as to Ms. Batista only.*

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 8, 2022, a copy of the foregoing was filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system and by email to the following:

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I further certify that on September 8, 2022, a copy of the foregoing was served via regular mail and/or email on the following:

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